

## Intent

### Why do we teach this?

We want our Geography Curriculum to inspire pupils with a curiosity and fascination about the world around them. At Newton Leys we aim to equip pupils with knowledge about diverse places, people and natural and human environments, together with an understanding of the formation and use of landscapes and environments. We are committed to providing children with opportunities to investigate and make enquiries about their local area so they can develop a real sense of who they are, make comparisons with other areas and identify what makes their local area unique and special to them.

## Implementation

### What do we teach? What does this look like?

At Newton Leys Primary School, we use the Cornerstones Curriculum to deliver our foundation topics including Geography. In each year group, the children will be taught key geographical skills and concepts linked to each Cornerstones Topic. Each Key Stage has a Progression of Knowledge Geography Pack, which details the key skills and concepts that must be taught in each year group. These key skills have been divided under the following headings

Locational Knowledge	Place Knowledge	Human and Physical Geography	Geography Skills and Fieldwork
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### Early Years

Geography is taught in Reception as an integral part of the topic work through child initiated and adult led activities. The children are given the opportunity to begin to gain a wider experience of the world around them, to help them to think and make connections between ideas. Children learn about seasons, the weather, features in the local area and the buildings that surround them.

### Key Stage One

In Key Stage 1 pupils develop knowledge about the world, the United Kingdom and their locality. They learn basic subject-specific vocabulary relating to human and physical geography and begin to use geographical skills, including first-hand observation, to enhance their locational awareness.

### Key Stage 2

Pupils extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. They should develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge.

## Impact

### What will this look like?

At Newton Leys Primary School, we hope that our Geography Curriculum will encourage children to learn to make links and form a life- long love of investigating, enquiry and questioning. We want to ensure that our children are equipped with the geographical skills and knowledge that will enable them to be ready for the curriculum at Key Stage 3 and for life as an adult in the wider world. We want the children to have thoroughly enjoyed learning about geography, therefore encouraging them to undertake new life experiences now and in the future.

By the time children leave Newton Leys Primary School they will:

- Have an excellent knowledge of where places are and what they are like.
- Have an excellent understanding of the ways in which places are interdependent and interconnected and how much human and physical environments are interrelated.
- Have an extensive base of geographical knowledge and vocabulary.
- Have the ability to reach clear conclusions and develop a reasoned argument to explain findings.
- Have a passion for and commitment to the subject, and a real sense of curiosity to find out about the world and the people who live there.
- Have the ability to express well-balanced opinions, rooted in very good knowledge and understanding about current and contemporary issues in society and the environment.

